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Dear Early Learning Partners:

Last week the Department of Early Learning (DEL) posted an article on its website (www.del.wa.gov) that highlighted the establishment of a new Early Learning Advisory Council. You may apply for membership on this new advisory group through the Governor's website at http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.asp; applications received by June 26th will be considered first and ongoing applications are welcome until appointments are finalized.

As the website article explains, DEL wants to learn from the past work of the Early Learning Council, the incredible group that lead the formulation of recommendations around Washington's early learning system; the Early Learning Council sunsets June 30, 2007 and the new advisory group will be developed and initiated within the first quarter of the new state fiscal year.

A survey to gather information and input from Early Learning Council members and those of you that participated in the Advisory Task Force, Technical Advisory Groups, and during public comment segments of the Early Learning Council meetings, has been developed and we encourage you to access it at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=AGMKkCOjSreJXP0TrClbHw 3d 3d.

DEL most wants to learn about work the past Early Learning Council members and other participants were most proud of and what, if any, areas you would have liked to have made more progress toward.

If you participated in Early Learning Council meetings and would like to take the survey, please complete it by June 26. Thank you so much for your input!

We look forward to hearing from you, analyzing the data generated from this short survey process, and making the new Early Learning Advisory Council inclusive, grounded upon successes of the past, and well informed to advise DEL in the future.

Best Regards,

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